

mounting a spreading layer onto the support member in communication with
the capillary; and

mounting a reagent layer on the spreading layer..

20. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the capillary defines a
predetermined volume.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing prior to an examination on the merits is respectfully
requested.

By the foregoing amendments, an Abstract has been added to the disclosure, and
new claims 19-20 have been presented for examination. Thus, upon entry of the present
response, claims 13-20 are pending and await further and favorable examination on the
merits.

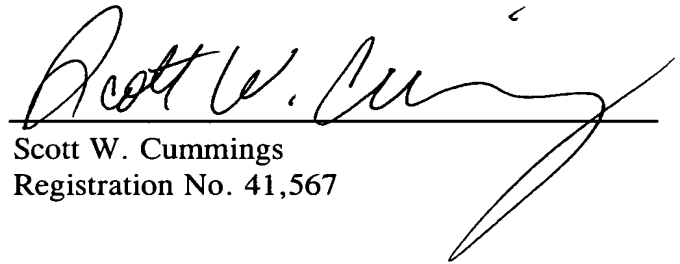
Support for the foregoing amendments can be found at least at the following
locations in the original disclosure: original claims 13-18.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned for the purposes of expediting prosecution of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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